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Applicants : Charles D. Snelling  
Leo T. Van Lahr  
U.S. Application No. : 09/819,943  
Filing Date : March 28, 2001  
Title : Liquid Level Detector System  
Group Art Unit : 2856

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New York, New York  
July 12, 2001

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**RESPONSE TO  
NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION  
FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)  
FILING DATE GRANTED**

Sir/Madam:

Applicants, through their undersigned attorney, received from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) a NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b) *Filing Date Granted* having a mailing date of May 15, 2001 for the above-identified application. A copy of the NOTICE is attached.

The NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b) *Filing Date Granted* requires a declaration. Attached hereto as **Exhibits A** and **B** are original copies of the required DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION from the above-identified Applicants Snelling and Van Lahr, respectively, for the above-identified application.

The NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b) *Filing Date Granted* requires fees. Attached hereto as **Exhibits C** and **D** are original copies of the VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS (37 CFR 1.27) - PERSON from the above-identified Applicants Snelling and Van Lahr, respectively, for the above-identified application. The fee amounts for a non-small entity set forth in the attached NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b) *Filing Date Granted* are therefore not believed to be applicable to the above-identified application. Accordingly, attached hereto for the above-identified application is a check in the amount of FOUR HUNDRED and TWENTY DOLLARS (\$420.00) for the basic filing fee of THREE HUNDRED and FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$355.00) and the surcharge fee of SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$65.00) for a small entity. Also attached hereto is a FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2001 (PTO/SB/17 (11-00)) for the above-identified application. If any additional fees are deemed necessary, the PTO is hereby authorized and requested to charge the Deposit Account No. 08-2776 of the below-identified firm as required.

If the PTO has any questions about the foregoing, Applicants' Attorney Gordon F. Belcher is requested to be contacted at the telephone number below. Additionally, please address all correspondence to the below-identified firm.

Please return the attached self-addressed postcard stamped by the PTO to indicate timely receipt of the present RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b) *Filing Date Granted*.

Respectfully submitted,

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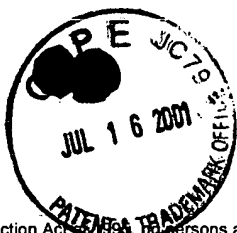
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# FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2001

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## Complete if Known

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| Application Number   | 09/819,943                              |
| Filing Date          | March 28, 2001                          |
| First Named Inventor | Charles D. Snelling and Leo T. Van Lahr |
| Examiner Name        |   |
| Group Art Unit       | 2856                                    |
| Attorney Docket No.  | F.007                                   |

## METHOD OF PAYMENT

1. ☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to:

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- ☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required  
Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17

- ☒ Applicant claims small entity status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27

2. ☒ Payment Enclosed:

- ☒ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money  
Order ☐ Other

## FEE CALCULATION

### 1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Small Entity

| Fee<br>Code | Fee<br>(\$) | Fee<br>Code | Fee<br>(\$) | Fee Description |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|
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Fee Paid

|     |     |     |     |                        |        |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|------------------------|--------|
| 101 | 710 | 201 | 355 | Utility filing fee     | 355.00 |
| 106 | 320 | 206 | 160 | Design filing fee      |        |
| 107 | 490 | 207 | 245 | Plant filing fee       |        |
| 108 | 710 | 208 | 355 | Reissue filing fee     |        |
| 114 | 150 | 214 | 75  | Provisional filing fee |        |

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 355.00)

### 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

| Total Claims       | Extra Claims | Fee from below | Fee Paid |
|--------------------|--------------|----------------|----------|
| 12                 | -20** = 0    | X 9 = 0        |          |
| 2                  | -3** = 0     | X 40 = 0       |          |
| Multiple Dependent |              | 135 = 0        |          |

Large Entity Small Entity

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|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|
| 103 | 18  | 203 | 9   | Claims in excess of 20                                     |
| 102 | 80  | 202 | 40  | Independent claims in excess of 3                          |
| 104 | 270 | 204 | 135 | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                      |
| 109 | 80  | 209 | 40  | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent         |
| 110 | 18  | 210 | 9   | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 355.00)

\*\*or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

### 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

| Large Entity Fee Code | Large Entity Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee Code | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee Description  | Fee Paid |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|----------|
| 105                   | 130                   | 205                   | 65                    | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath  | 65.00    |
| 127                   | 50                    | 227                   | 25                    | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet                     |          |
| 139                   | 130                   | 139                   | 130                   | Non-English specification  |          |
| 147                   | 2,520                 | 147                   | 2,520                 | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination                     |          |
| 112                   | 920*                  | 112                   | 920*                  | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |          |
| 113                   | 1,840*                | 113                   | 1,840*                | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |          |
| 115                   | 110                   | 215                   | 55                    | Extension for reply within first month                                     |          |
| 116                   | 390                   | 216                   | 195                   | Extension for reply within second month                                    |          |
| 117                   | 890                   | 217                   | 445                   | Extension for reply within third month                                     |          |
| 118                   | 1,390                 | 218                   | 695                   | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |          |
| 128                   | 1,890                 | 228                   | 945                   | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |          |
| 119                   | 310                   | 219                   | 155                   | Notice of Appeal   |          |
| 120                   | 310                   | 220                   | 155                   | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |          |
| 121                   | 270                   | 221                   | 135                   | Request for oral hearing   |          |
| 138                   | 1,510                 | 138                   | 1,510                 | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |          |
| 140                   | 110                   | 240                   | 55                    | Petition to revive - unavoidable   |          |
| 141                   | 1,240                 | 241                   | 620                   | Petition to revive - unintentional   |          |
| 142                   | 1,240                 | 242                   | 620                   | Utility issue fee (or reissue)   |          |
| 143                   | 440                   | 243                   | 220                   | Design issue fee   |          |
| 144                   | 600                   | 244                   | 300                   | Plant issue fee  |          |
| 122                   | 130                   | 122                   | 130                   | Petitions to the Commissioner  |          |
| 123                   | 50                    | 123                   | 50                    | Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)  |          |
| 126                   | 180                   | 126                   | 180                   | Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt                                  |          |
| 581                   | 40                    | 581                   | 40                    | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |          |
| 146                   | 710                   | 246                   | 355                   | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))              |          |
| 149                   | 710                   | 249                   | 355                   | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))           |          |
| 179                   | 710                   | 279                   | 355                   | Request for Continued Examination (RCE)                                    |          |
| 169                   | 900                   | 169                   | 900                   | Request for expedited examination of a design application                  |          |

Other fee (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

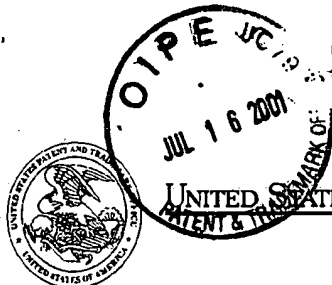
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## SUBMITTED BY

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| Signature         | <i>Gordon F. Belcher</i> | Date                              | July 12, 2001 |           |                |

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*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 710 to complete the basic filing fee and/or file a small entity statement claiming such status (37 CFR 1.27).*
- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 840.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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